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TWO distinguishing words, marked the title of this Society at its formation, twenty-eight years ago, "Woman," and "Union." Thank God both words are still upon our banner! Union means more now, than it did a quarter century past. The history of Nations unrolled daily, is teaching one grand object-lesson, viz.: UNITY. Barriers between families of the earth, fall down as by a whirlwind's force, while the ties of international knowledge, and respect, strengthen. Here is the hope of our own, and all Christian teachers, who toil on waiting for perfect day.

"Christ's followers, whatever the name by which they choose to be called, have a common cause. The garments of His Church, though woven into many colors, has no seam."

FROM India we hear the transition stage is always an uncomfortable one, and that is the difficulty just now, in India. Missionaries need much patience, born of love, to help turn things in the right channels. Much prayer is needed to this end, and it is very cheering to us to know, that so many are helping in this way.

CHRIST must be known before he can be loved and followed. The dull mind of a totally ignorant woman is not the "good ground" to receive the seed, that sown in the heart of such is too apt to be choked by the cares of this life,—but once get the whole Bible in a home where it can be read and understood, and it will do its work.

THE Empress Dowager, of China, who, notwithstanding the boy Emperor has ascended the throne, still remains Empress Regent, is one of the most remarkable women in Chinese history. She has ruled China for twenty-five years, and she became Empress Regent, in connection with the Eastern Empress in 1861, when the Emperor Hien Feng died, leaving two wives. The Eastern Empress died six years ago. The present Empress Regent is now over fifty, and is said to be well formed, and dignified. She combs her hair in the butterfly fashion common to the Manchus, having horns six inches long at the back of her head, and she fastens it with a gold hair-pin. She is rather independent in thought, and regardless of Chinese etiquette. Minister Denby says, that she studies and understands all subjects committed to her, and that she is very industrious. He thinks she will go down to history, as one of the great rulers of the world, and says that through her, China has attained its present high position among the nations.

A PHYSICIAN who is engaged in hospital-medical-work, Pekin, China, in a recent missionary address before a Woman's Board stated that a great drawback to the doctors' success is the bad hygienic surroundings of the people. Also the people are not careful what they eat. He related an incident where he cautioned the friends of a sick man that his only hope of life was in being well dieted. When he was a little hungry one night, his wife gave him seventeen pork pies. When the physician called in the morning the patient was dead. The natives will not obey instructions, as to the taking of medicine, but take the whole prescription in one dose. The drawbacks, however, are greatly overshadowed by the amount of good done.

HER Highness the Dowager Maharanee of Cooch Behar died of cholera at Benares, to which place she had retired a year and a half ago. The old lady was a royal personage, well-known to Government, and was for some time

Regent during the Maharaja's minority, when she displayed great intelligence, statesmanship, and tact in the administration of the State. She was universally respected for her austere life, philanthropic nature, extensive charities, and is now deeply mourned by all classes of the people.

IT is a wholesome sign of the times that a number of native gentlemen have formed an Association at Hooghly, with the object of introducing widow marriage among the Hindus. Pundit Kartic Chunder Bhattacharja, who may be said to have set the initiative by marrying a widow himself, is at the head of this movement. The unassuming way in which he goes to work is worthy of notice. He was the happy instrument of another widow marriage of late. An Assamese lady, of Brahmin caste, named Hemlata, was married to a youth of the same caste. There was a large gathering of native ladies and gentlemen to witness the marriage ceremony. The widow bride, who is still in her teens, is beautiful and accomplished; and her moral character is unexceptionable. The Pundit is to be highly congratulated for his success.

IT is estimated that while it cost American Christians \$1,220,000 to Christianize the Sandwich Islands, this country receives at the present time \$5,000,000 annually in commerce.

ONE of the largest Christian congregations in the world, numbering 4,500 members, is on the once heathen island of Hawaii, one of the Sandwich Islands. On the Fiji Islands over 90,000 gather regularly for Christian worship. In the Friendly Islands there are 30,000 Christians who give \$15,000 a year to religious objects.

AN English missionary, recently made the following critical analysis of the mooted question as to the influence of Moslemism: "At first sight there was much to lead me to sympathize with the hopeful view when I saw the outward reverence for God and the sober and peaceful lives of the followers of Mahomet; but when I came to understand

their bitter hostility to the CROSS OF CHRIST, and the passion with which they cursed all who acknowledge His divinity I saw that far from being a stepping stone to Christianity, the religion of Islam was one of the most powerful devices of Satan to oppose its reception."

IT is proposed to erect as a memorial to the late Rev. George Bowen, so long a saintly, and voluntary missionary in Bombay, a native Christian Institution and Hall, to serve as a centre of missionary effort. Could there be a more appropriate offering to the memory of one whose soul thrilled with love to souls? Of the missionary calling he wrote in such glowing words as these: "Can you imagine a kind of music produced by invisible choristers, inaudible to all, save those who have been endowed with a special sense for the perception and enjoyment of it? These walk in ecstasy, ever and anon hearing the wondrous strains, while the unperceiving multitude pursue the sordid tenor of their way. Such strains are those of the Gospel, and those who truly know the joyful sound will endeavor to communicate the knowledge of it to other hearts and other lands. The music of the words of the Son of God is borne to earth from the golden harps of the invisible ones."

MISS WHATELY, daughter of Archbishop Whately, of England, recently died at Cairo, where she had been led to spend many years of her life, in striving to found English Mission Schools for the down-trodden Egyptian girls. Her attention was drawn to their condition while traveling in the land as a tourist. As an author, she has also called public attention to the spiritual wants of Eastern women. The readers of *THE MISSIONARY LINK* have in former days been given selections from Miss Whately's pen-pictures, as described in "Ragged Life in Egypt," "Among the Huts," and "Women in Egypt."

REV. DR. WM. E. GRIFFIS, of Boston, writes: "It is interesting to Americans to know that the imperial oath

was taken and the Constitution promulgated to a day, and almost to the exact hour, thirty-five years after the treaty ships of Commodore Perry, were sighted by the watchers on the hills of Iazu ; and that the Emperor Mutzuhito, the 123d Mikado, who granted this Magna Charta of Japanese liberty, was born November 3d, 1852, on the day that Matthew Galbraith Perry was all ready to sail to Japan, though the delay of one of his vessels kept him on our coast until the baby in Kioto was three weeks old."

A CHINESE Sabbath-school in Boston has voted to support three *native* missionaries in China.

IT is no surprise to us, and we even expect to hear of the native converts to Christianity in foreign mission stations, that they are to teach, and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to their own people. It seems natural that they should so employ their consecrated talents and lives. From a recent estimate in the *Missionary Review*, we learn that one out of every ten converts in heathen lands have entered as workers into the field, while Protestant Christendom has sent forth but one out every 5,000.

"WHEN Christ calls a soul to Himself, He calls not alone for Heaven, but for earth, Christ is fashioning instruments for His service."

"SOME think," says Mackenzie, "that to know Christ is to insure a place in Heaven. That is not the most important part of Christianity. The important thing is the imparting of our knowledge to others. That is what we are for. That is what faith is for—not to lie dormant, but to become part of our life. You will find Christ if you look for Him earnestly ; you will know Him if you follow Him, and when you know Him you will *delight* in seeking to get others to enjoy that knowledge.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

INDIA—CALCUTTA.

WHAT IS ZENANA WORK?

Letter from Miss Hook.

I AM led to believe, that many in the homeland, notwithstanding all that has been written, still have but a vague idea, of the work done by the missionaries, in connection with the Zenanas of Calcutta. It may not be amiss to write more particularly of this interesting subject. What is a Zenana? The home of a Babu—and a Babu is a Hindu gentleman, such as do not support themselves by menial labor. Their wives are “Zenana ladies,” their children “Zenana children.” The object of the Woman’s Union Missionary Society was, and still is, to take the Gospel to these secluded wives and daughters,—not to teach sectarianism, or denominationalism, but simply the way of Salvation through Jesus Christ. Zenana women cannot go out to church, or meet Christians any where, to learn about Christ, or gain any knowledge that their own home does not provide for them, and the Hindus provide *nothing* for the women of their families. The man must earn for his family, and he can make more money, if he is educated, so what is spent on the boy, is well invested. A woman cannot make money, so it is no matter if she knows anything. What the Babus would not do for their own wives and daughters, our and other Missions are doing for them. In Bengal alone, thousands of women now can read the Bible, and their minds are awakened, so that they can understand its beautiful, and wholesome truths.

ZENANA SCHOOLS.

Our Mission Schools are composed of the little girls out of the Zenanas, who before they are married, can come from behind the purdah, and walk, and play in the street. Our school-

houses are rooms in the Zenanas, rented from the Babus, and their little girls, and neighbors, are the pupils. The instruction given them, is just the same as that given their mothers, behind the purdah. The little girl however learns faster, and is apt to get beyond the mother in a little while. In the school, one may teach a hundred pupils in the day, when behind the purdah, a teacher has one pupil at a time. In one day, though she work just as hard, she can teach but four, or five pupils. As soon as a girl marries, she retires behind the purdah, and though we may follow her, and continue teaching her, progress is slower, than it was in school. Zenana work then consists of work with women and girls, house and school. We do not own any school houses in Calcutta, for all our work is done in the houses of the Babus. (Zenanas).

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

If I have made this clear, I will mention another mode of doing Zenana work, viz : visit the house, read the Bible, talk to the woman about her soul, and tell her the way of Salvation, and pass on, and repeat the visit perhaps once a month. In this manner, many houses may be visited. Some Missionaries adopt this method as they can visit more houses, than if they taught the women to read. It would be very difficult to go to as many homes, as are represented by the little ones in our schools. They not only learn to read, but take home the cards, and tracts, we give them and sing their hymns, and recite their texts, to their mothers, fathers, and visitors. All who can read, have the tracts, and they are very often eagerly sought after, by the boys attending schools, where they never hear one word of Bible teaching.

Each of our schools is a Mission centre. The parents are visited from time to time ; for if the children are ill or absent, they are looked up by the lady in charge of the school. One of the ladies visits her district on Saturdays, and she has a full escort of little girls through the streets, who herald her approach by shouting, "My Mem is coming." Many of the girls now attending the old schools, are the daughters of those taught

there before. We regard our schools as very precious nurseries of the Christian Faith. We have taken some pains to enquire into the relative results of schools, and Evangelistic Zenana visiting, and find they are in favor of the former. I often call to mind the remark of a good clergyman in America "Give me the children, and the devil can have the grown people." Another good effect of our schools is, that they are slowly but surely wearing down the cruel custom of child marriage. As education becomes more and more valued, the girl will be kept in school and unmarried. At the present time in Calcutta alone, there are taught by our own Missionaries, over 1500 of this class, and if we include all who in the course of the year, are brought under instruction, the numbers are still greater. In some parts of India girls' schools consist of children of the lower laboring classes, and hence do not come under the head of Zenana work. There are a few schools in Calcutta also composed of the children of the lowest class.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Our work has developed in a new direction the past year. Sunday Schools have been in the past very difficult to establish, but lately they have grown in favor, and we have opened two new ones, since Christmas. Now we have six, each averaging a regular attendance of forty. I feel that this is a clear indication that the Spirit of God is working, and slowly obstacles are disappearing. Patient and persevering continuance in obedience to our Master's last command, and trusting Him for results, will I feel sure bring the blessing for which we pray. A "Sunday School Union" has just been established in Calcutta, and last evening the first quarterly meeting was held, and the large gathering of Missionaries and the stirring addresses, were very inspiring. One of the Secretaries is a grandson of the good old "Cary." The grandfather was not allowed to work in Calcutta when he came. Progress is certainly manifest, and the Lord, acknowledges the efforts of His people, when they follow His direction.

SCRIPTURE UNION.

Letter from MISS GARDNER.

THE Scripture Union is making a great effort in India to get the people, especially the native Christians, to read and study their Bibles more. It is a subject in which I am much interested, as I believe the religious future of India, is to depend upon the native church. The native and English clergyman, are preaching on the subject of regular, and systematic study of the Bible. I was asked by the Secretary, to prepare a paper on this subject, to be printed, and read at this time, and as it was in a line with my present work, I felt I ought not to refuse. I wrote it especially for native Christians, and hope it will be blessed in helping them to a realization, of the importance of studying their Bibles.

HIGHER SCHOOL.

I am much pleased with the examination of my "higher school." I find some splendid material and two years of careful training has developed it. I felt sure, that out of all the young people we have, there must be some who were worth special training, and education, and the results have verified my thought. I am much gratified with them, though it is yet only the beginning, and still much to be gained. One young girl especially, has done remarkably well. She is a child that is supported by the Doremus Band of Cincinnati. I mean to have her (after she passes her entrance examination, and takes her F. A.) study medicine with us, if we should have that department added. I have some other girls, who are going to do as well. My entrance class numbers five, which is as large as an entrance class usually is. My next one however, will have more. These are my own children. Beside these, I have in my boarding department four others, and could have had more from outside, but have refused them, only taking in those that I knew really wanted to learn. The starting and carrying on of my school has been done very quietly, and no especial effort has

been made to get pupils in, and notwithstanding, I think it is a success. I have worked hard over this school that we might in the future be able to send out well fitted, well educated young women to take their places in India, with a character based on Christian teaching. There is much literary education here without Christ.

CHARACTERISTIC SCENE.

Letter from MISS EASTON.

I AM much interested in two widows who seem always glad to see me. The head of the house refuses to have them taught, but allows me to visit them and I say a word for Christ when I find them alone. Their life like that of all Hindu widows is a miserable one, and I am hoping that the way may open, for them to hear more of the Saviour in whom they already express an interest. I saw there a characteristic scene one day. In the middle of the floor sat the Babu, all alone, eating his noon meal, while in the adjoining rooms the women were patiently waiting, for they could not presume to eat, until their lord had finished. The scene was made lively by the presence of some six or eight children, all cross and peevish, for this is the land of spoiled children.

In another house, lives one of our old pupils. After she was married it seemed useless for some time to visit her, as all in her home seemed so inattentive, but being asked to go again some months ago, I was only too glad. Now this girl's husband and mother tell me every time I visit them that they believe in Christ as their Saviour. *To say is very* easy with this people and of course only time can show if their words, in this case, come from a conviction, of sin, and a desire to be at peace with God through Jesus. The seed is sown and I cannot but think that in some of these weary joyless hearts it is taking root. I look forward to the time when the women will be willing to bear the cross and shame for His dear name.

REPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTRESS.

IT may not be uninteresting for our friends, to read the following examination, given by the lady who inspects our schools in India, for the British Government :

“There are different ways of sowing the seed, but the way in which Miss Hatchell, Miss Smith, Miss Sunder, Miss Dutt, and Miss Cunliffe, whose schools I had the honor to examine, have sown is, in my humble opinion the best. I give below the questions I put to the Hindu girls and the answers given by them, so that the Secretary of the Woman’s Union Missionary Society may share with me the satisfaction the children gave, and know that the missionaries have not scattered the seed at random, but very carefully and intelligently. This kind of sowing is what our Lord calls sowing the seed on good ground.

What did God do on the seventh day?

Nothing. He rested on that day.

Did God get tired?

By God’s resting is meant not doing anything.

What sin did Adam commit when he simply ate the fruit?

He did what he was forbidden to do.

How did the curse pronounced on Satan become a blessing to Adam?

God promised that He would send His only Son to bruise the serpent’s head.

Why was Abel’s offering acceptable unto God and Cain’s not?

Because Cain did not offer a lamb which his brother did, as a symbol of the death of our Lord.

How long did it take Noah to make the ark?

120 years.

Could it not have been made sooner?

Yes, but God is long-suffering. He waited so long to see them turn back from sin.

What is the lesson for us?

God suffers long but not forever. If we continue in sin we shall be damned.

Who is like Noah’s ark?

Jesus Christ. He who believes in Him will be saved.

How did God test Abraham’s obedience to Him?

By commanding him to offer his dear son Isaac.

What is the lesson for us ?

If there is anything which we love best, as Abraham did Isaac, we should give it up if God requires.

What became of Lot's wife when she looked back ?

She became a pillar of salt.

What is the lesson for us ?

If we turn to God, we should not look back.

When did Jacob get the name of Israel ?

When he wrestled with God at Peniel.

What is the lesson for us ?

As Jacob did not let the angel go, until he obtained the blessing, so we should not cease to pray, until we obtain what we pray for.

At whose instigation, did Jacob defraud his brother Esau of his father's blessing ?

His mother's.

What is the lesson for us ?

If our parents bid us do a wrong thing, we should not do it.

What are the points of comparison between Joseph and Jesus ?

As Joseph being ill-treated by his brethren treated them kindly in return, so Jesus prayed even for those who crucified Him.

What are the points of comparison between Moses and Jesus ?

As Moses preferred hardships in the wilderness, to luxury in the king's palace so Jesus preferred sufferings in this world, to His unspeakable glory in Heaven.

What did Job's wife tell him to do when he was smitten by Satan with sore boils ?

She told him to curse God ?

What was Job's reply ?

Shall we receive good from the hands of God and shall we not receive evil ?

What is the lesson for us ?

We should be content with what God has given us either good or evil.

Was David stronger than Goliath ?

No.

Then how did he kill Goliath ?

He went in the name of the Lord.

What is the lesson for us ?

Whatever difficulties we have, we can overcome them, if we depend upon God.

CHINA—SHANGHAI.

A BETROTHAL.

Letter from Miss BRUNTON.

TSWAE LING, who has been our assistant teacher for the past year, was formally betrothed, to my teacher in the Chinese language. It cost my teacher and his father about \$100, not exactly "to buy the wife," as we are led to suppose, but in effect to purchase presents, for the bride, and aid in house furnishing. The great feast was held in the bridegroom's house, but the bride only had a little extra added to her ordinary meals, to which her mother and the Hospital helpers were invited. The betrothed girl is required by Chinese custom, to sit in her bedroom, but I would not allow this, as I wanted her to be happy. We arranged my room for her, that she might be cheerful and receive her friends there. She must be unhappy at her betrothal, but not quite so wretched, as if it was her wedding day !

At eleven, A. M. the middle man, with the supporters of the bridegroom, came in chairs, and were very handsomely dressed. Friends walked with them, and paid them great deference. Two were gaily dressed, bearing a tray, and they were so well attired, that I failed to recognize our own gate-man, who was one of them. On the tray, were nuts of all varieties, in gay-colored paper wrappings, and a glass box containing ear-rings, pins for the hair, and bracelets. Then two peanuts tied together, to show the union of the two lives. The money was placed on each side, with a Chinese character, meaning every thing good. There were two nuts made like butter flies, with paper wings. As soon as the sound of feet with music was heard, the bride was told to stand up quickly, and turn her face to the wall, as she is supposed to be very shy, on her betrothal day. Quite a number of our friends were present, to witness the presentation of gifts, to the future bride. Half of all on the tray, were returned to the happy man, and then four gifts were sent to him.

These were a sash, an embroidered pocket, and as the man was not rich, his wedding hat and boots.

At noon all festivity was over for the bride, but the feast at my teacher's house across the stream, then began. The groom sent chairs for Miss Smith and me, and made us very comfortable, having even cocoa served in English fashion for us. Miss Smith was put at one table and I at the other. I amused the Chinese guests greatly, by asking for a red paper bag, and putting two of every kind of sweets and fruit in it, for the bride. I told them I did not think it fair, that the bride should have no fun, while the happy man, had all his friends feasting and enjoying themselves. All who were present, were Christians, and I told them how happy our young girls were, on their betrothal day. All entered into the spirit of the occasion, and one happy day has come and gone for our dear Tswae Ling, whose wedding will take place next November.

A red paper is given at this time, which corresponds to our marriage certificate. As long as the man has this paper, the woman cannot become engaged to another. With this seal of contract, a bunch of garlic is sent, which means great happiness, and family life.

INSIDE A CHINESE CITY.

Letter from MISS FRANCES A. SMITH.

IN visiting the city schools we found the way there indescribable. Filth abounds, and one would think all the people would die of every sort of malarial diseases, but they seem to thrive. The streets are crooked, and have many abrupt angles, supposed to keep away the evil spirits, who can only travel in straight lines !

The native schools are prospering, and give us a great deal of satisfaction. The two sisters who teach them, are sweet women and the children learn well. I noticed one little girl with a peculiar face, sad and yet a restless wild expression.

When she first came to the school, she was so bad, they could do nothing with her. Now she is good, and docile, and reads, and recites well. This child having no parents lives with her grandmother. She does not want to have her feet bound. Poor little feet! It makes one heart-sick, to see the little tender feet so cruelly bound. The Grandmother sometimes comes to church and we pray that the Word, may enter her heart. Both schools are a great blessing. The day-school at our gate, has much improved, and twelve new little girls, have been lately brought in. There is yet a fourth day-school, which has just been started. It is on the other side of the settlement, where no mission work has yet been opened. One of our oldest girls is the teacher. This is the first time, any of the girls from the Bridgman Home have left us to do Missionary work, and we have great reason to be thankful. We found there were some Christians in the Chinese church nearest her home, and were glad to introduce her to them.

Four or five new girls have come to the Bridgman Memorial School. One of them is a poor orphan, in need of care. Her hair is tied with a white string, to show that her father is dead, and she also wears white shoes. The Sunday School is flourishing. One Sunday there were 177 Chinese present. There is a very large class of women, whom our Bible woman Mrs. Tae teaches. Mrs. Tae comes to me Sunday evenings, and I have a lesson for her. She understands a little English, and seems to enjoy it. I have also a lesson with our boy Fah-fah. I am reading to him a part of the Bible he has never heard, as they have only in Shanghai a small portion of the Old Testament translated. This man was Mrs. Pruyn's personal servant, and she so wished and prayed that he might be a Christian. This is coming I truly believe. I ask your special prayers for our work, and these people, as we need them more than anything else.

I have been studying very hard and am greatly interested in this interesting language. Mr. Faber presented Miss Brunton and myself each, with a copy of his treatise on the

“Doctrine of Confucius.” We had been enquiring of him the nature of the classic books that we were studying. We are not learning Vung Lee yet and of course could not know.

OUR BOY.

Letters from DR. MARY GALE.

I MUST tell you about “our boy.” I know we are a Woman’s Union Mission, and that it is very improper for us, to mention boys, but this one, has become part of our institution, and we cannot help it. He came to me, before Dr. Reifsnyder went away, and she helped me to remove part of a finger. The boy was very angry with me first, because he did not take chloroform well and saw nearly everything that went on. When I told him he must tell his parents before I took off his finger, he replied shortly, that it did not make any difference. I have found since, that he has no mother, and probably worse than no father. After a while, as he did not improve, I told him he must come to the Hospital, and get his meals. He refused to do so in the most dignified manner, and it was only after long reasoning, that he consented to take his dinner there. Some of the teachers, and the old gateman have undertaken to teach him to read, and now he reads his verse at prayers, as well as any one. At Christmas I thought I would give him a little money. A few precious memorial pennies, had been sent me to give to some poor child, and as I had come to hope a good deal from this boy, I sent it out to him. Quickly as possible, there was a knock at the door, and Le-Sung the boy, approached, holding out the money with quite a tragic air. “I do not want any money, I will not have any money” he said. “I eat rice here.” A scrap-book he consented to take. You may be sure I was pleased at this fine independent spirit. I began at once to look for a school for him, feeling that there was promise in a Chinese boy who would not take money. One day after he had heard something of “the doc-

trine," he wondered if God would hear him if he asked Him to make his hand well. I encouraged him to ask.

REPUTATION EASILY WON.

I have been very much amused lately by being supposed to possess miraculous powers. A mother brought in a boy of sixteen years, with the story that he had been suddenly deprived of his speech, and wanted some medicine to cure him. I impressed on her, that I could only try to strengthen his body, and gave him some tonics. In a week she came back, perfectly radiant, telling me her son had taken only two pills, when he was better, and now he could speak plainly. In witness thereof he bowed his head to me, and thanked me. His mode of speech however, was not very gratifying to me, and I fear I may lose my reputation for doing wonders.

A NEW REMEDY.

Letter from MISS ANDREWS.

I AM always interested in the poor little children who come to us. One little girl came to the Hospital, not long since, with some serious spinal trouble who seemed greatly afraid of us. Dr. Gale gave her a scrap book which had been sent out by the "Invalids' Auxiliary" made by a sick child in America, who had learned that there were others more needy than she. When the child saw the book, and became interested in the pictures, Dr. Gale had a chance to look at the poor little back.

About a week afterwards, the child came back with the book tied over the place which is so diseased. When the mother dressed the child again, to leave the Dispensary she put the book back in the same place. We asked her why she did so, and she said that the child always wanted it there, because the Dr. had given it to her and that if she always wore it, her back would get well. She has been here two or three times and always had the book with her.

JAPAN—YOKOHAMA.**A PUPIL'S WEDDING.***Letters from MISS VIELE.*

WE have attended the wedding of a former pupil, and were the only foreigners present. The bride looked very sweetly, in her Japanese dress of gray. White is used for mourning, and gray for bridal costumes. The ceremony was performed in the Union Church, after which a reception was held, at the home of the pastor of the church. The guests were seated on the floor, before the bride came in the room, for congratulations. She went first to Mrs. Pierson who had been her teacher, then to the other missionaries of the Home. After receiving our congratulations, she sat among her class-mates for a little time, and seemed quite like a school-girl again. Then she stopped in several groups for good wishes, before seating herself by the side of her husband, to partake of the good things, furnished for our entertainment. We were each given a wonder box, containing sandwiches, cold meat, water-cresses, and jelly, the whole being sprinkled with thin slices of radishes, and cucumbers. This was an elaborate foreign meal. A second box containing grapes, and cake, was also provided, and these were tied together for us, as we were expected to carry home, what was not eaten at the wedding. The presents were numerous, but they still had their paper wrappers on, and I could not even guess their contents, as I do not know what is considered suitable, for a Japanese bride.

MY CHARGE.

My special department has been the school among the younger girls. I have always been fond of children, so especially enjoy teaching them. In some classes the pupils know as little English, as I Japanese, and we often have amusing experiences. The girls are interested in my study of the language and appreciate each new word and sentence

that I master. One of the girls told me the other day I was step-mother to the Eurasians. As long as it is my own mother whom they claim as "Mother Viele" I am perfectly satisfied in being the step-mother. A Japanese girl in Tokio wrote me lately my "foot-mother."

OUR FUTURE HELPERS.

We like to have the pupils remain for a post-graduate course, when the Bands are willing to sustain them three years longer. During this time, the pupils spend on the average, an hour each day in teaching, which is good practice for them, especially if they expect to take up that branch as a life work.

We have a number of our graduates in the school, doing good work, and several in other fields, giving satisfactory evidence of the care bestowed on them by Mrs. Pierson, who is a most indefatigable worker, in the school, and with her Bible women.

You will be glad to know that there is a deep religious feeling among the pupils at present. Besides the regular meetings for prayer, the girls are holding meetings every evening after the study hour, and often during the day, groups are gathered for special prayer.

We are praying for them, and expecting that many of our "Home" family, may be counted among the followers of Christ.

"THY WORD GIVETH LIGHT."

Letter from DR. ADALINE D. H. KELSEY.

RECENTLY, I heard about two very interesting heathen women, and how they were led to the Saviour, showing how earnest seekers after the true Light, will have it shine upon them. A poor widow felt her own sinfulness, and she tried in the ways she had heard about to "make merit" for herself. She gave up all animal food, and lived

upon vegetables; she worshipped the deities she had been taught to fear, she did deeds of charity, and was kind to her neighbors, but all without bringing the desired peace to her soul. She found one day, just a leaf from the New Testament and on this leaf these words "Come to me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." "Oh" the poor woman exclaimed "that is just what *I want.*" She did not know *who* the grand personality represented by "me" was, did not know His name or abode, but she and her only son of eighteen years who believed like his mother, began at once to *worship* this unknown "*me*" in the old ways. They burned paper, and fired off fire-crackers and performed their *idolatrous* ceremonies, but all to worship the new deity whom they only knew as "*me.*" Finally they heard of some missionaries at a distant station, and made a long pilgrimage to see them, and to learn more about this wonderful new god. They were most wonderfully impressed with what they heard of the truth, accepted it, in all its simplicity, with child-like faith because it was what they had been waiting, praying, and working for, for years.

The other case is that of a poor woman who heard for the first time the words of the hymn "Jesus loves me." "Oh" she said, "Jesus a God, and He *loves me!*" She embraced Him at once, and accepted Him as her Saviour. The heathen have no *loving* gods, they fear, distrust, or despise their deities, and when they are able to comprehend an all powerful Being who *loves* them they are filled with surprise and gratitude. I am so thankful that our God, is a God of Love.

EAGER INQUIRERS.

Letter from MRS. PIERSON.

ON the last Friday of March, being invited to visit a village called Kanai, about thirty miles from Yokohama, I went there, accompanied by three Bible women. The work is so great in these places, that a little company of four, find much to do. While two are visiting houses, two remain at the private residence or hotel, where they are stopping, to

receive inquirers, or to instruct Christians. They have at that place an unfinished church edifice. A stranger, whom no one knew, attended that meeting, expressing his approbation or disapprobation very decidedly, applauding sometimes when the truth presented was agreeable. In the evening we held a meeting, at the private residence where we were entertained. At the close of the services a very handsome elderly lady, who is a Christian, introduced me to her young daughter-in-law, who has not yet professed faith in the Lord Jesus, but is studying the word. I seated myself on the floor, in front of the little group of women, reading and explaining to them the third chapter of St. John. Finally there was a pause in the conversation and I heard one of the Bible women, at the other end of the room, relating the remarkable dream of Dr. Doddridge to another group of listeners. My attention was again directed to the little group around me, until, a voice called to me from another circle saying "Teacher do you know anything about *spiritualism*?" The question startled me not being aware that any one in Japan knew about that wicked delusion. I replied that the doctrine and practice, were evil in the extreme. I then stated some of the results upon individuals and society, as most pernicious, and all its influence and tendency were evil. A young Christian woman told me that previous to her conversion, she had practiced it. I was glad of the opportunity to denounce and warn the little flock against it, and to counsel them to hold fast to the word of God, to stand upon its principles and to live its holy doctrine. This is the first time I have come in contact with this terrible device of the adversary in Japan. We returned, after leaving a partial promise that some of our corps of Bible readers should visit the place occasionally. They have neither pastor nor teacher, and there are nineteen Christians there, among whom are nine women. As the coming of the King draws near, the forces of the invisible enemy are everywhere exerting their power. But their time is short, their arm paralyzed, for "The kingdoms of this world are become the Kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ. He shall reign forever and ever."

Letters from JAPANESE STUDENTS IN OUR YOKOHAMA SCHOOL.

FROM TOKI IMAI: While we were passing through our examination, God was with us all the time, and made us to finish it safely. This year we had seven graduates, and each of them read essays, some gave recitations and some sang solos. There were also hymns which were sung by the girls of the higher grade. I was also in the number of singers. I want to tell you the words but I can only tell the titles. They are "Come Gentle Spring," "The Heavens are telling" with an addition by Mrs. Pierson, "Hark, hark the Lark" and "With Verdure Clad." Each of my classmates composed a composition and read it, after we were examined in reading. My subject was "Kindness is never lost."

I have one thing to ask your prayers in thanksgiving to God, and that is about our church. Our Sunday service was divided into morning and afternoon, on account of the room being too small, but as we prayed to God earnestly about it, He has heard our prayers, and given us a gallery, so that we can now assemble together, at the same time although there are quite a large number. I am always thanking God that He chose such an unworthy girl as I am, and sent me to this good school, when I was little. I am also praying for your work that it may not be in vain, but that you may gather many golden sheaves in the store of heaven. And since He has sent me to this school I think He has a plan for me, to lead many unbelievers to the way of life, so please pray that I may fulfill His purpose, and may become a good minister to many perishing souls.

SONO KINOWAKI: I have been here for many years. My parents died long ago and I often think of them and feel lonely, but the teachers here are kind and loving, and this "Home" is like my home. Above all, I have found Him, who shed His precious blood for me.

Mrs. Sharland gives me a music lesson once a week on the piano. We have learned many lovely oratorios by the best

composers. My last instrumental piece is from Mozart's "First Mass." I play it on the organ, and one of the teachers accompanies me on the piano.

It gives me great pleasure to write to those who take such an interest in Mission Work, far across the deep. If we look over the past state of Japan, we ought always to be filled with love and gratitude to God, for His goodness in blessing our beloved country, as there are many native pastors and evangelists, and also the hearts of the people are opened to receive the Gospel. All please unite with us in thanks to God, for our Emperor has given the people of Japan, the liberty of believing in Christ and I am fully convinced that whatever we ask believing we shall surely receive. Though the harvest is ready, still the laborers are insufficient. Are there not among you some who will come to Japan to be missionaries?

SATI TNUTH: Most of our new-comers are not Christians, and I hope you will remember them in your prayers, and ask God to give them to know the love of God. A month ago, I was baptized in the Union Church, and am very happy because I became a child of God, and know the love of God. I am trying to be faithful.

TAMA Y.: I entered this school about two years ago, but it is almost four years since I began to study English. A part of the time I have been very weak, but since I knew Jesus I trusted in the true Physician, and am now strong and well under the loving protection of our Heavenly Father. In the future if I can finish the course of study by His help, I wish very much to work for the dear Saviour, who has been so good to all of us. I am clinging to Jesus who has died for you and for me, and ask His guidance. Whenever kneeling before Jesus, I remember you all, who are so far away from us, and though the mountains, and oceans lie between us, yet may our hearts be joined together with Christian love, and we may pray for one another.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Safe Return.

IT gives us great pleasure to announce the return, of three of our valued veteran missionaries, Miss Crosby from Yokohama, Japan, Miss Lathrop from Allahabad and Miss Ward from Cawnpore, India. Although they have come to their native land for rest, it will be our privilege at a later date, to hear their recital of growth in our Mission Stations, and to catch a fresh inspiration for our future developments. The return, of so many Missionaries is a new experience for Our Society, and one we hope will prove a means of expansion and blessing, to every Branch and Band connected with us. We ask that many petitions, may be offered for these representatives, that renewed health, and vigor may follow in this change of scene and labor.

Our Ledger.

AN exceedingly dry and uninteresting volume one will say,—except to the Treasurer, and a few workers upon whom devolve the responsibility of sustaining the Missions;—yet these stiff columns of figures, can be made to throb with love, and pathetic self-sacrifice; pointing in some instances to scenes of suffering in which love for our Master triumphed over thought or care for self.

Legacies thought of for years,—or sent from a hand, chilling in death,—here and there mark the page.

Large gifts from the wealthy are here; gifts also from the poor, telling much of sacrifice for the Saviour's sake, because a love stronger than earth's, welled up from a grateful heart. Turning back its pages we see the name of an Admiral in the United States Navy, a warm and sympathetic friend, who at the age of eighty sent his subscription for the Missionary Link for four years, saying that at the end of that

time all his debts would be paid. His prophecy proved only too true.

Here is the unsolicited gift of an army officer from a distant Territory.

Again smaller, and more self-denying offerings fill a page, from the sale of articles, made slowly amid much of suffering by invalid friends, who can help the good cause only by their fingers.

Again we notice \$2.10 the first earnings of a Band of little children who ask that it may buy milk, for the little ones in "Peace Cottage," Yokohama, long the home of Mrs. Viele.

The smallest gift is five cents, from a friend of the tenement house, who ekes out a scanty living by peddling soap and pens from door to door, and yet gives a generous per cent. of her profits.

Some day we may turn over again these tell-tale leaves in our ledger, and hear from a dry text, a powerful sermon preached, whose value shall bear on the conversion of a world.

H. E. B.

Attractive Leaflets.

THE young girls connected with the Pioneer-Band recently used their artistic skill to prepare little booklets for their Annual Sale. For a little original collection of "choicely good" things to cook, they designed covers showing old-time chimney nooks, or kitchen dressers. Another pretty idea, was to tie with narrow ribbon, into painted covers, a few special leaflets, of our Society. One marked, (in silver and olive letters,) "Leaves from Noble Lives," held about six such stories as "Befutti's Doll," "Kasheba's Plea," "Givers for Jesus." These little decorated books proved attractive, and this mention, may furnish a hint to other deft fingers.

H. P. W.

We Are In the Seed-time.

WERE it not that men are accustomed to behold just such a transformation, nothing would seem more idle, or preposterous, than the expectation that beautiful, odoriferous and fruitful trees and shrubs, should spring from the earth, as a result of the scattering of sundry seeds therein. How utterly unlikely also to the eye of sense, or the imperfect vision of infantile faith, does it appear, that the preaching of the Gospel to the poor, and checkered attempts to make known God's despised Word of life, should ever eventuate in the imparadising of earth. Of itself it will not. God gives it an opportunity to show what it can itself do ; and the hours of this protracted opportunity, how heavy, how almost insupportable to him, who longs to see the glory of the Lord in the land of the living ! But the coming of the Son of Man, to inherit all nations, and extinguish all rule that is not of Him, hath an absolute connection with the attempts of his people to preach the Gospel to every creature, for "as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth ; so the Lord will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations." *Isaiah*, 61 : 11.

We are yet but in the seed-time ; but it is interesting to observe that the seed is carried to all shores and scattered among all nations, and that everything is fast hastening to the hour when at the new-creating voice of God, the kingdoms of the world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ. A nation shall be born in a day ; the whole earth shall bring forth fruit at once.

AMONG the last messages that the late General Gordon sent home from Khartoum were these words, "The bands are with me, Mahanaim." This sublime message of faith in the invisible escort of an angel-band, was based on *Genesis*, 32 : 1-2, "*And Jacob went his way, and the angels of God met him, and when Jacob saw them, he said, This is God's host, and he called the name of that place, MAHANAIM.*"

Loving Thanks.

MISS WARD writes: Our mission boxes showed more careful packing, as the contents were as fresh and clean, as when put in.

The box from classes in Rev. Dr. Brooks' S. S., Boston, was a valuable one, and there were so many pretty and saleable articles, that as soon as we had finished the unpacking, we knew we could hold the "Annual Sale" in our "Home," and so raise enough money to provide all our schools with their usual treat.

The Great Value and Success of Foreign Missions.

BY REV. JOHN LIGGINS.

(Baker & Taylor Co., N. Y.)

THIS little volume is a most timely marshalling of testimony and statistics, proving the efficiency of Foreign Missions. The various countries in which missionary work has been carried on are passed in review, and a great cloud of witnesses, diplomats and statesmen, viceroys and governors, military officers and scientific travelers, give their testimony as to results. It furnishes a complete armory of weapons wherewith to demolish any lingering stronghold of doubt that may remain in anyone's mind, as to the glorious successes of Foreign Missions. It is carefully indexed, and will prove a most valuable reference book to all in search of missionary intelligence.

We have received some generous responses to our appeal for a Printing Fund, and hope to do great good with it, by sending our publications, to those who cannot afford their purchase.

MISSION BAND DEPARTMENT.

The Little Patients.

BY DR. MARY GALE.

THERE were two little girls who learned to love the Margaret Williamson Hospital through an attack of the measles. One of them did not look at all like a Chinese child, for she had a fair freckled skin, and reddish hair. She was very sick, and as doleful as a homesick child could be. I did not want to take her in the Hospital, for fear of exposing my other patients, but she was really too ill to send away, and so it ended in her being put in a room by herself. My mind was not at rest about it, and I wondered whether I had done the right thing, but before breakfast the next morning, I found one of our own school-girls broken out from head to foot with the measles, so the pair were put together. For a day or two the little girls were very reserved. I could get only the faintest answers out of them, and they had no dealings with one another. But the third morning, on my entrance, the midgets seemed both sound asleep. I moved around very gently, when all of a sudden their heads appeared, and I was greeted with a shout of laughter. I was pleased because I knew they must be getting better, and because it was so *foreign*. Chinese children do not seem to know how to play, but the last comer was full of fun, and she soon taught her pale-faced companion to join her. From that time, recovery was rapid. We gave them dolls, and pictures, and though we had to keep the room dark, it did not spoil their enjoyment. I think the dolls must have suffered, if I may judge from the dilapidated condition to which

they were soon reduced. I could not have treated a doll that way at their age, but perhaps it is because these children are just coming out of heathenism. I hope the Lord will come into their young hearts, and drive out all the foolish things they have learned, and make them sweet, and pure, for Himself to live in.

A Helpful Schoolmate.

BY E. C. EBERLE.

The dear girls in the Bengali school in our Compound at Cawnpore examination day, won my heart at once by their sweet faces, gentle manners and diligent study of their lessons. They looked so happy that I asked them if they loved to come to school, and when they answered yes heartily, I asked them why, and they quickly replied, "Because we hear about Jesus."

The teacher who is a sweet Bengali girl, and lives in the Home with us, said to me "These girls love Jesus very much." While I was with them, I observed one little girl helping the others. By her side was a little one younger than herself. As often as the little one failed, she continued her efforts with a patience and perseverance that was beautiful to see. Afterwards I saw her helping a little girl, who was trying to form letters on her slate. She worked with her till she had filled her slate three times, with the graceful Bengali characters. When I called her to my side and asked her if she loved Jesus and why, she replied, without a moment's hesitation, "Because He gave His life for me."

Spring Picnic.

BY ADA VIELE.

"Peace Cottage," in Japan, was not worthy of its name one morning.

Very early, our piano was sending forth sweet sounds, and from the fact of music before breakfast, and the sound of many feet hurrying up and down stairs, one would know that something unusual, was to take place. The something, was the first spring picnic at Sugita to see the plum blossoms. You children in America I am sure, cannot plan for an out-of-door picnic early in the spring, but we in Yokohama, can have them nearly all the year.

When we gathered at the canal, where we were to take boats, we numbered fifty-two, and were soon seated in three boats. Arriving safely at Sugita, we climbed a long hill, on the top of which were several tea-houses. As our party was large we hired two houses and at once ate our lunch, which each girl had carried, the Eurasian girls in baskets, and the Japanese in their sleeves, which answer for pockets as well. You can imagine that the servant of the tea-house was kept busy, waiting on our large party, especially as she gave us tiny cups, about as large as little girls would use, in giving their dolls a party.

You know the best part of a picnic consists in the eating, so we spent a long time at our meal, enjoying at the same time the lovely Bay with its sails so white contrasting with the blue of the water, and the trees, much nearer to us, covered with blossoms of white, red, and pink, which the girls bought to take home. It was a charming scene, and one which I hope some day to see again.

When we were ready to roam through the narrow lanes, we found several points of interest to be visited.

Many of us visited an old temple. The difference with which our Christian girls enter these buildings, from that of the worshippers, is very noticeable. During the afternoon my eyes had often wandered to our boats out in the Bay, while a long distance of mud lay between us, and I mentally figured the number of hours which would elapse, before high tide would allow of our boats coming in to us. But we found the good people of Sugita had arranged for just such emergencies. A canal had been made deep enough for the passage of small boats, and in these we could be taken to our larger boats called sampans. With eight men pushing each boat, amid the screams of the children, when water came over the side, we were soon ready for the last stage of our homeward trip, voting the exciting ride, almost as good as our dinner. Sails were hoisted, and we skimmed merrily over the deep blue sea, arriving at home in good season, well satisfied with the day's outing.

A Noble Motive.

BY M. McINTOSH.

I promised to give, to a wee girl of four years, who is a pretty bright child, a doll if she learned her Bengali alphabet. Her sister who is my pupil, took great pains to teach her, but she could not remember two out of the forty-eight letters, so I said to her, "You do not know two letters, do you expect me to bring you a doll?" She looked up brightly and said, "I am not reading for a doll, I am reading to *please you*." This child has only a few mud playthings, and yet she was trying to learn, for the sake of pleasing her teacher instead of to gain such a treasure as a doll.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

NEW LIFE MEMBER.

Miss Clarissa A. Bookhout. "Excelsior Band," Cranford, N. J.

DONATIONS FOR MISSION BOXES.

India.—Galesburgh, Ill.—"Prairie Gleaners," Christmas gifts for Miss Roderick's school.

Princeton, N. J.—Mrs. Guyot, dolls and table-cover.

Roselle, N. J.—"Earnest Workers," dolls and skirts—value of box, \$5.90.

Morristown, N. J.—Proudfit Band, dresses, furnished work-bags—value of box, \$17.10.

New Brunswick, N. J.—"Band of Helpers," koortas and dolls for Miss Gardner.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Ch. of Pilgrims, work-bags, dolls, etc.

"Light Bearers," work-bags, dolls, etc.

"Mizpah Band," patch-work and dolls.

Le Roy, N. Y.—Cards and dolls.

West Chester, Pa.—R. E. Church, dolls, bags, koortas, etc.

St. Louis, Mo.—St. Louis Branch, box for Miss Hook—value, \$100.

St. Louis Branch, box for Miss Gardner—value, \$105.

Scranton, Pa.—"The King's Children," dolls, handkerchiefs, etc.—value, \$19.35.

Chicago, Ill.—"Gardner Band," St. Paul's R. E. Church, dolls, koortas, etc.—\$50.

Japan.—Newark, N. J.—Second Pres. Church, skirts, dresses, bags, dolls, koortas, etc.—\$104.25.

Syracuse, N. Y.—Mrs. Robert Townsend, Bible for Yaso Katigare.

China.—Brooklyn, N. Y.—Mrs. Warner and Mrs. S. T. Dauchy, bedding, etc., for S. E. Warner bed.

Mrs. Greenough, towels and bedding, for C. I. Greenough bed.

Troy, N. Y.—Miss M. Allen, sixteen pairs wristlets for Dr. Reifsnnyder.

Morristown, N. J.—Mrs. G. W. Colles, old linen.

Proudfit Band, quilt.

Newark, N. J.—Second Pres. Church, koortas, dolls, etc.—value of box, \$40.

RECEIPTS of the Woman's Union Missionary Society from
April 1st to June 1st, 1889.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Newton Village, Mrs. E. R. Sawyer, for Miss Hook, . . . \$10 00

VERMONT.

Manchester, Mrs. A. C. Reid, . . . \$25 00

MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston, Boston Branch (see items below), . . . \$1,679 83
Haverhill, Mrs. S. N. Kittredge, . . . 1 00
Springfield, a friend per Miss McKechnie, for M. W. Hospital, . . . 1 50

\$1,682 33

CONNECTICUT.

Woodbury, Mrs. H. C. Baldwin, \$0 50

RHODE ISLAND.

Newport, Mrs. J. I. Bailey, . . . \$100 00
Providence, Providence Aux. per Mrs. C. E. Green, Treas.: Mrs. Dr. Wilcox, 2; Mrs. Harkness, 1; Miss Weaver, 1; Mrs. Stockbridge, 1; Miss Barney, 50, . . . 5 50

\$105 50

NEW YORK.

Albany, Albany Branch, Mrs. Frederick Townsend, Treas.: In memory of Susan Gansevoort, by her husband, Peter Gansevoort, per Mrs. Abraham Lansing, 25; Ladies' Miss. Assoc., Madison Ave. Ref. Ch. for Bible Reader in Shanghai and one in Yokohama, 90, . . . \$115 00
Brooklyn, Clinton Ave. Cong. Ch. per Mrs. W. H. Harris: Mrs. M. E. Whiton, 5; Mrs. I. S. Wright, 1, . . . 6 00
Central Cong. Ch., M. M. Archer, Treas.: For Miss Willis, 240; Hiko Hosono, 60; school at Cawnpore, 50, . . . 350 00
Miss Culbertson, per Miss McKechnie, for M. W. Hospital, . . . 2 00
Plymouth Miss. Soc., Miss E. C. Stoughton, Treas., to complete endowment of Ruthy B. Hutchinson bed, M. W. Hospital, . . . 38 00

Mrs. H. Audley Clarke, first payment for 1889 for "Cas-sie," Yokohama, . . . \$10 00
Willoughby Ave. Chapel S. S., E. S. Schenck, Treas. for Miss Caddy, . . . 25 00
Per Miss Messenger, . . . 81 00
Ithaca, Mrs. Abigail Bruyn, per Miss J. L. Hardy for Miss Ward's salary, . . . 5 00
Livonia, Mrs. Wm. Calvert, . . . 3 00
Le Roy, Mrs. A. H. Manwaring, Easter Offering, . . . 10 00
New York, Contents of envelope received at anniversary meeting, donor's name not given, . . . 5 50
Mrs. D. J. Ely, for Bible Reader, . . . 60 00
American Tract Soc., per Rev. J. M. Stevenson, for circulation of religious literature in Shanghai, . . . 100 00
Mrs. M. K. Jesup, 10; Olivet Helping Hand, 7, . . . 17 00
Mrs. W. E. Matthews, for Virginia Matthews, Calcutta, . . . 50 00
Sale of necklace, . . . 10 00
Young Women's Miss. Bd., Calvary Baptist Ch., for school under Miss Ward's care, . . . 60 00
Mrs. Daniel Haines, 25; for Mc-All Mission, 25, . . . 50 00
Mrs. S. Oakley Vander Poel, "Angel Bd," In Memoriam, . . . 20 00
Miss M. Pott, . . . 10 00
Subscriptions to Miss. LINK, Miss Kingsbury, Treas., . . . 59 73
"Lend a Hand," Miss. Bd., 16th Bapt. Ch., per Mrs. W. S. Mikels, . . . 2 00
Rye, per Mrs. John Erving, . . . 1 50
Stapleton, Mrs. Erastus C. Bridgman, an. sub., . . . 20 00
Tarrytown, Young Ladies of Miss Bulkley's School for Shorno in Calcutta, . . . 30 00
Utica, Mrs. G. H. L. Maynard, . . . 2 00
Washington Heights, "Helping Hands," per Mrs. Wm. Foster, Jr., . . . 60 00
Yonkers, Mrs. Wm. Munn, . . . 10 00

\$1,212 73

NEW JERSEY.

Bascon Ridge, per Dr. John Dayton, Ex., legacy of Mrs. Elizabeth Dayton for the work in Japan carried on by Mrs. Pruyn, . . . \$2,000 00
Bridgeton, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Boardman for Julia Boardman, Calcutta, . . . 30 00

Cranford, "Excelsior B'd," per Mrs. T. W. Burger, Treas., for Life Mem. of Miss Clarissa Bookhout,	\$25 00
Lakewood, Mrs. Jas. Stewart, an. sub.,	5 00
Morristown, Invalids' Aux., Mrs. H. W. Buxton, Treas.,	18 97
"Pearl Gatherers," South St. Pres. S. S., for Pearl, in Orphanage, Calcutta,	30 00
Montclair, Mrs. Benj. Carter, 10; Mrs. Edward Sweet, 10, for Miss Ward's work,	20 00
Newark, "Little Messengers," Primary Class 2d Pres. Ch., coll. by Mrs. R. V. Vandervoort, per Mrs. E. D. G. Smith, Treas. Newark Aux., semi-annual payment for Nellie Walker, Yokohama,	20 00
Young Ladies' Miss. Soc. 2d Pres. Ch., per Miss Few Smith, for the Eurasian work and freight on box,	104 84
Boys' Miss. Bd. 2d Pres. Ch., per Miss Littell, for two beds for one year in the M. W. Hospital and freight on box, . .	78 39
South Orange, through For. Miss. Committee of R. E. C. for mission work in Cawnpore, Mr. C. Morrison, Acting Treas: Emmanuel Miss. Bd., Newark, N. J., 10; Miss. Bd. R. E. C., Peoria, Ill., 50; 1st R. E. C., Boston, Mr. J. R. C. Dobbs, Treas., 25; Rev. J. A. Sabine, D.D., 17.25; Rev. G. L. Aldrich, Church of the Redemption, Brooklyn, N. Y., 5; Mountain Miss Bd., per Mrs. A. M. Morrison, for Dr. Reifsnnyder, 10; Mary E. Hays Miss. Bd. 1st R. E. C., Rev. W. T. Sabine, pastor, 500; Woman's For. Miss. Soc. Emmanuel R. E. C., Rev. E. B. England, pastor, 105.25,	722 50
Summit, Mem'l of Two Shining Lights Bd., per Mrs. H. L. Pierson, Jr.: Mrs. H. E. Simmons, 10; Mrs. Carlos Bardwell, 5; Mrs. W. L. Eaton, 1; Mrs. Thomas Pott, 1; Miss G. M. Pott, 1; Mrs. Jas. Grant, 1; Mrs. Julia Smith, 1; Mrs. A. F. Libby, 10; Mrs. G. H. Conger, 5; Mrs. T. F. White, 1; Mrs. A. N. Martin, 5; Mrs. F. H. Dodd, 5; Mrs. G. W. Dillingham, 5; Miss Lottie Pierson, 1; Harry Pierson, 1; Tom Pierson, 1; Mrs. W. Whittridge, 1; Miss Forb, 1; Miss Kitty Forb, 1; Mrs. H. L. Pierson, Jr., 20,	77 00
Central Pres. S. S., per Mr. R. G. Hann,	50 00

Trenton, Miss M. H. Fisk for Mamie Fisk, Yokohama, . . .	\$5 00
	<u>\$3,186 70</u>

PENNSYLVANIA.

Philadelphia, Philad. Br., Mrs. C. B. Keen, Treas. For Miss Lathrop,	\$150 00
"Misses Leslie and Peters,	150 00
For Miss Hook,	150 00
" " Eberle,	150 00
" Dr. Reifsnnyder,	125 00
" Agnes, Teacher in Mud Hut, Allahabad,	50 00
For Alice in Orphanage, Calcutta,	30 00
	<u>\$805 00</u>
Mrs. Sarah C. Savage, for Orphanage, Calcutta, 30; special object, 70,	100 00
Scranton, Ladies Miss. Soc. Grace R. E. Ch., per Rev. D. M. Stearns, for Bible Reader O. Shina Kono,	15 00
S. S. and Gratitude Box for Miss O'Brien's salary,	60 00
Mrs. Gillison for her Bible Reader in Japan,	10 00
Miss Lillian Dietrich, 2d quarterly payment for Takenonehi Sakayo San, Bible Reader, . .	15 00
Wilkes Barre, Miss Martha Bennett, for child in Bridgman Home,	40 00
	<u>\$1,045 00</u>

DELAWARE.

New Castle, subscribers per Mrs. Spotswood: Mrs. Spotswood, 20; Miss Stockton, 1; Miss Scofield, 5; Miss Spotswood, 5; Miss Virginia Spotswood, 5; Mrs. Nesbit, 5; Mrs. Tetlow, 1; Miss Kennedy, 2; Miss Johns, 2; Miss M. W. Janvier, 2; Cash, 1; Miss A. R. Spotswood, 1; Mrs. M. C. Smith, 10; Mrs. Van Vranken, 1; Mrs. Stewart, 1; Mrs. Turner, 1; Mrs. R. G. Cooper, 1; Miss Nevin, 3; Mrs. E. G. Gray, 5; Cash, 3,	\$75 00
Wilmington, per Rev. D. D. Smith, two classes in S. S. for Miss F. Smith, Shanghai, 20; for general treasury, 25, . . .	45 00
Rev. D. D. Smith towards purchase of a piano for Bridgman Home,	16 00
	<u>\$136 00</u>

MARYLAND.

Glencoe, Mrs. M. M. Austen for Lily Star Austen, 2d for 1888, Orphanage, Calcutta,	\$30 00
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Glyndon, Chas. Worthington, 5;
Dr. Charity, 5; for Chinese
Baby, 5, \$15 00

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Chicago, Chicago Br. (see items
below), \$145 80

MISSOURI.

St. Louis, Mrs. S. N. Barber for
Sarah in Normal School, Cal-
cutta, \$25 00

ERRATUM.

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vin Page, 1; Miss Wheelright,
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Trinity Church for Miss Gard-
ner's salary, 600; for Medical
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